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VICTORY

Lions open football season with a win. Page 14

Governors approve bids on insurance providers

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Faculty and staff of Missouri Southern can breathe a bit easier after the Board of Governor's Aug. 27 meeting.

The Board approved the recommended bids for the new insurance providers for the University.

"Employees should be excited about [the providers]," said Dwight Douglas, Board president. "We'll do better than we did before."

For medical insurance, the Board approved the bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri.

"Basically they (Blue Cross Blue Shield) have bent over backward to match all unique aspects of our plans," said Debbie Dutch Kelley, director of human resources and insurance committee chair. "They want our business."

The plan will be a Freeman Hospital based plan with 80 percent coverage in network and 60 percent

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New Insurance Providers	
Type of Coverage	Name
Medical	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Missouri
Dental	Delta Dental of Missouri
Vision	Superior
Life/ Ad& D/ LTD	Cigna
COBRA Admin.	The Taben Group
Long term care	NOT BID

SPITTIN' SKITTLES

Adam Fast/The Chart

Candace Hendrickson, junior psychology major, spits a Skittle at the Great Expectations Bookstore booth during the Welcome Week Fall Forward Business Fair Wednesday, August 25th. The person to spit a Skittle the farthest would receive a gift certificate to the bookstore.

$100 home game giveaway hopes to attract students

By David Haut
Managing Editor

Hughes Stadium will be filled with green. Missouri Southern's signature color will not only grace the stands, but the inside of several students' pockets.

Zimmer Radio Group and the Campus Activities Board have teamed up to give away $100 to a random student at every Lions home game.

The suggestion came from Kevin Greim, director of marketing, after an annual marketing conference. He came back with an idea that would be beneficial to everyone.

"The past few years, Southern has struggled with school spirit," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "We thought this would hopefully get people in the seats."

It works like this: during a specific time during the game, a name will be drawn from a packet containing the names of every student who pays the mandatory $25 activity fee, which is included in Southern's tuition. If the person is attending the game, he or she may claim their prize of $100.

However, if that person is unavailable, the money will carry over into the next home game and the name will be put back into the mix. When a winner is drawn, he or she will not be eligible for another cash prize. Money will be given away at every Lions home football and basketball game.

Winners will be asked to make a radio appearance as a courtesy to Zimmer, who is donating out the money to be given away. CAB money will not be used in the payout.

T.J. Gerlach/The Chart

Zimmer Radio Group and CAB will send one student home at least $100 richer at home football games.

Despite the full stands and a win, the Lions Aug. 26 home opener went without a prizewinner, which means Saturday's game will boast a $200 pot.

If the low attendance trend continues this year, the pot could quickly climb to the upper hundreds, or lower thousands.

In the event that no winner is chosen, one winner will be chosen among those attending the final home basketball game.

"We will be giving away the money, no matter what," Griem said.

"Money will make any college student jump," said

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More than 500 attend alumna's funeral

By T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

Former Missouri Southern softball player Teri (Mathis) Zenner was killed Aug. 17.

Zenner, who graduated from Southern in 1999 with a degree in psychology, was stabbed to death in Overland Park, Kan.

Teri (Mathis) Zenner
1977-2004

"[Zenner] had made quite an impact on people," said Dr. Pat Lipira, kinesiology department head and Zenner's former softball coach.

Zenner played softball for the Lions from 1996-1999. After graduation, Zenner became a social worker while working on her master's degree at the University of Kansas.

"She chose that line of work," Lipira said. "I think that was her goal, to help those that had needs."

Zenner was killed while visiting the home of 17-year-old Andrew Ellmaker as part of her social work. Ellmaker was charged Aug. 18 with the first-degree murder of Zenner.

Ellmaker's mother also received stab wounds, but they were treated as non life threatening.

"Teri was one of those people that once you met her, you would never

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Classes begin for masters programs

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

With the new university status, Missouri Southern has brought new graduate programs to its students.

The programs are in conjunction with Northwest Missouri State University. Students are now able to receive a Masters of Education in Teaching focusing either on early childhood education and instructional technology.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, assistant vice president for academic affairs, is overseeing the programs and will coordinate the classes with help from Dr. Glenn Coltharp, associate professor and head of teacher education.

"The programs will be a great boom to the teachers in the area," Griffin said.

She said the education department was the first to receive the graduate programs because the University has had more interest in education masters than in other programs.

"They (the graduate degrees) will provide a better service to our local community," she said.

Griffin said students should be able to complete the programs in two years.

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WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 89
Low: 65

Sunday
Chance T'storms
High: 87
Low: 64

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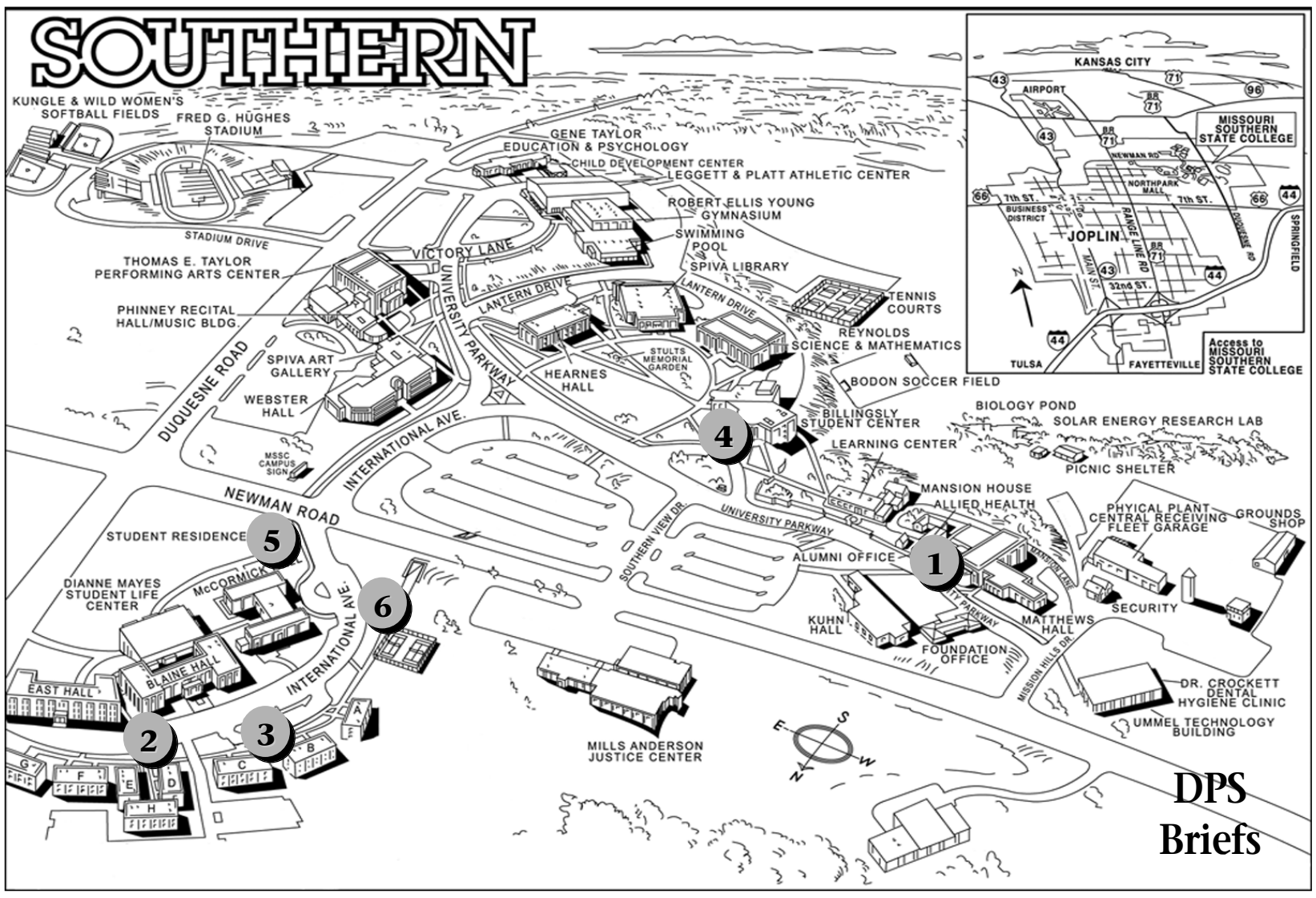
Question of the week:
What are your reasons for attending games?



DPS Briefs

1 Suspicious Behavior

6/25/2004

11:00 p.m.

Security was called to Matthews Hall about skateboarders heading toward Newman Road. An officer asked one of the boarders his name. The subject then attempted to run. Security then detained the boarder.

After the boarder was detained, another skateboarder came toward security and said he was going to "Kick his ass."

Security then handcuffed the detained boarder to talk with the other person. Next, the boarder took his skateboard up and security had to detain him. The suspect then ran to a car and attempted to leave the scene. He was later arrested by JPD.

2 Suspicious Items

7/24/2004

11:05 p.m.

As security was checking buildings, an officer found a black box similar to an ammo box outside of Dishman Hall. Several stickers on the box identified the contents as fireworks.

The officer opened the box to make sure the contents needed to be secured. Inside, the officer found a number of bottle rockets. There were no signs of the box's owner at the time so the officer took the box back to the security office and logged it as lost and found.

3 Trespassing

8/1/2004

12:15 p.m.

Security observed a male walk into McCormick Hall, which had several signs stating that no males are allowed.

Security then approached the subject and asked him his name and why he was entering the girl's dorm.

The subject then told the officer, "F*ck You."

The officer asked the subject to comply again and the subject again said, "F*ck You."

Security then called JPD and the suspect attempted to strike the officer. JPD came and detained the subject who was arrested for trespassing.

4 Alarm

8/5/2004

8:02 p.m.

Security was notified by Joplin Dispatch to Billingsly Student Center in response to an alarm at the ATM.

JPD was also called to the scene. The alarm was tripped by a repairman who did not have the correct reset code with him.

Upon arrival, security found everything as normal and met with the repairman. The story and name of the repairman matched the dispatch's story.

5 False Identification

8/19/2004

4:30 a.m.

Security stopped a suspicious vehicle after an earlier failure to stop for the emergency lights.

Security then asked the subject his name and for ID. The suspect said he forgot his ID at home.

The subject then told security a fake name. Security realized it was a fake name after the subject hesitated and gave two spellings of the name.

JPD was called to the scene and the subject yielded his real name. Security then gave the suspect a warning.

6 Suspicious Behavior

8/21/2004

2:30 a.m.

During a patrol, security noticed two suspicious males standing along the sidewalk outside the residence halls.

The officer stopped to talk to the subjects when the officer noticed one had his pants unzipped and was about to urinate on the sidewalk.

The officer also saw three beer cans next to them. The officer left them after an alarm sounded. However, the officer took the beer cans and gave the subjects a warning before leaving.

Compiled from Public Safety reports

Campus Calendar

Film Festival begins another season with Russian cinema

The International Film Festival will start off its season Sept. 7 with the *Prisoner of the Mountains*, a 1996 Russian film. The film records what happens when two Russian soldiers are held hostage by Chechen rebels.

The second film is *Circus*, another Russian film from 1936 will be shown Sept. 14. The film is a musical comedy attempt in the early Soviet Union.

The third film of the year will be *Commissar* from 1967 Russia. This film was put on the shelves and not viewed until 1988 in New York City. The film will be shown Sept. 21.

All films are at 7 p.m. in Cornell Auditorium.

Admission is free for all.

Luncheon presentation focus is helping college students

On Sept. 8, students are invited to attend a program called "The Ultimate Road Trip," a seminar designed to help students prepare and think about their upcoming years in college. The presentation will discuss managing time, earning grades, choosing activities and taking jobs.

The luncheon is free. It will be Sept. 9 at noon in the 3rd floor of Billingsly Student Center. For more information, contact the Student Activities office at 625-9346.

Spiva Center for the Arts displays Fishing in America

The Spiva Center for the Arts will present 13 years worth of work by artist Larry Stark from Wisconsin.

The portfolio contains 50 prints and 50 stories documenting the experience of fishing in a different state. The display title is "Fishing America: A Work of Art."

The portfolio will be on display Sept. 17 through Oct. 24.

Southern Theatre invites local firemen to "The Guys"

On Tuesday, the Southern Theatre will invite local firemen to the opening night of "The Guys."

The firemen will be recognized during the production.

The production is rated "G" and runs through 9-11.

For reservations, call the box office at 625-3190.

CAB celebrates Natural High Week with Kool-Aid drinks

Natural High Week will kick of on Sept. 13 by opening Leggett & Platt from 2-5 p.m. for all students, faculty and staff to participate in an Aerobathon.

Kool Aids for Kollege Students will be on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Kool-Aid theme is part of the Stress Buster area of the week. A drinking and driving simulator will also be on campus for the day.

At 7 p.m., Mark Sterner will come to Taylor Auditorium and speak about alcohol and its effects.

Book club discusses book on Catherine the Great

The Literary Lions Book Club will discuss the book *Catherine the Great* by Dr. John Alexander during their next two meetings.

The first meeting was Sept. 2. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 16 in the University Java coffee shop. Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, will moderate the meetings. The cost for three sessions is $25 for refreshments and a copy of the book.

At the end of the sessions, the books will be donated to the Spiva Library with a bookplate placed in front of the books containing the names of each member.

"Newsmakers" takes look at upcoming semester

At 7 p.m. Sept. 10 on KOZJ Public Television, an interview with University President Julio León will air.

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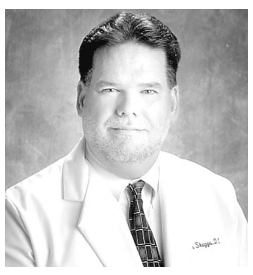

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1. Headaches, Dizziness, Blurred Vision
2. Neck Pain, Tight Muscles, Spasms
3. Shoulder Pain, Pain Down Arms, Numbness in Hands
4. Pain Between Shoulders, Difficulty Breathing, Abdominal Pains
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Paula Webb, junior dental hygiene major, decorates a frisbee at the All-Campus Picnic Monday.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Freebies, food, fun jump-start semester

By Kathleen Cunningham
Staff writer

Campus Crawl started activities off for Welcome Week. Held in front of Billingsly Student Center, students received free food, music and giveaways from on campus clubs and organizations on Aug. 22.

Greg Salzer, junior sociology major and president of Hand in Hand, was one student who got a free T-shirt from the Campus Activities Board.

He took in the festivities by participating in the All Campus Picnic.

Julie Blackford
Director of Student Activities

Other students were able to paint a Frisbee and climb a rock wall.

On the second day of events, mentalist and illusionist Wayne Hoffman performed at the Taylor Performing Arts Center for evening entertainment. Hoffman also performed magic tricks during the picnic.

Aug. 25 led to the Fall Forward-Local Business Fair at the Oval.

Once again, free incentives were given to students to entice them to take in the promotions and discounts offered.

Deanne Smallwood-Thomas, junior speech communication and French major, is president of the College Democrat club.

The activities were "more fun than a barrel of monkeys," Smallwood-Thomas said. "Welcome Week should take place every week of the semester."

Rosemarie Looney, junior sociology major said the best thing about Welcome Week was getting to see old friends.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said Welcome Week is to welcome both old and new students to Missouri Southern, but especially to freshmen.

She said that it's hard to get students motivated to join in activities because of work, family and transportation difficulties.

Aug. 26 hosted an All Campus Tailgate party at Hughes Stadium with the Zimmer Radio Group for entertainment.

Following the party was the season opener football game.

Southern won the game against Bacone 40-21.

Lion's ROAR began the last day of Welcome Week by offering more free items.

Southern had more than 85 student clubs and organizations as well as political and religious groups.

"It gave everyone opportunities to find other students who share their interests," said junior Jason Hare, Spanish major.

Survivor Night, hosted by CAB was the last activity of the week.

A foam dance party, joust, free food, music, giveaways and more prizes helped students celebrate the spirit of Southern.

Department splits, seeking accreditation

By Monique Jamerson
Public Forum Editor

Opportunities and challenges both arise as the foreign language department pursues its own accreditation.

Recently, the foreign language department split from the communication department because the two departments together were too large and the foreign language department wanted to seek new directives and set specific goals for the international mission.

Dr. Pedro Talavera-Ibarra, head of foreign language department, said the split was a positive move because the department will have a chance to make their own decisions and take responsibilities for its own actions.

Dr. Pedro Talavera-Ibarra
Foreign Language Department Head

"To a certain degree, I felt like we [the foreign language department] have been limited since we have been with the communication department," Talavera-Ibarra said.

"Now that we have separated, we are seeking our own accreditation."

He also said he would like to see some foreign language graduate programs.

"Having the departments separate gives them a chance to move towards building a stronger department for those pursuing a degree in foreign language." said Alexis Malory, sophomore speech communication major.

Joshua Wardlow, senior middle school education and Spanish major, agreed said the split was a great move because the department will now have a chance to offer graduate programs when they become available.

The department offers three majors and six minors in six different languages. Currently, the goal of the foreign language department is to increase its enrollments, offer more foreign languages and work on the academic program.

"Despite the challenges we face, there are several opportunities that will come our way," Talavera-Ibarra said.

The separation of the two departments took place over the summer. Many see it as a great opportunity for the foreign language department to move forward with their mission that they provide to Missouri Southern State University.

Dr. John Messick, dean of arts and sciences, said they have been planning the separation for a long time and it has now come to pass.

"I think it's a sound idea to have the two departments separate because the foreign language department is so important to our international mission," Messick said.

Now that the departments are separate he said it would give the foreign language department the recognition it deserves.

Leslie Parker, instructor of Spanish, said it is good to have the two departments split because it helps the department show perspective students that foreign language is an important department on campus. Without the separation, many students may not have known where to find them.

"We can't see the separation results now but I am sure they will be great," Talavera-Ibarra said.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Dr. Richard McCallum came from Central Connecticut State University and began his job as vice president for academic affairs July 1.

VP seat welcomes newcomer McCallum

By Nate Billings
Executive Editor

New faces come in all shapes, sizes and ranks.

Missouri Southern has a new vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Richard McCallum took over the position on July 1, after leaving Central Connecticut State University where he was associate vice president of academic affairs.

"My wife and I are delighted to be here," McCallum said.

Julie McCallum, Richard's wife, came two and a half weeks early to help the movers set up things in their new home.

Julie has three sisters in the Southeast Missouri area and Richard has family in Nebraska.

"From the personal side of life, it was a chance to come back to Missouri," Richard said.

He said it gave he and his wife an opportunity to be near their families — a chance other jobs had not provided before.

Richard said he has many goals for his new position.

"I want to be an ambassador to the students," he said.

He has already attended many of the events on campus including the Fresh Start and Campus Crawl activities.

He spoke with students at the activities and introduced himself around campus as time permitted.

"He's a real get-about kind of guy," Julie said. "People will see a lot of him."

Richard is not the only member of his family in the teaching profession.

Julie teaches first grade at Diamond Elementary School in Diamond.

> *"I want to be an ambassador to the students."*
>
> **Dr. Richard McCallum**
> *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

"I need to be doing something with my free time," she said.

She said she enjoys teaching and is happy to work with the children.

Julie also considers herself a representative of Missouri Southern. She attends games with her husband and supports him in his work.

"It's not always easy to be a participant, but you need to be there, especially if you care about education," Julie said.

Richard said another of his goals at Southern is to see the graduate programs develop.

"We (the University) have a progressive spirit," he said.

Even though there are many administrative tasks that must be done in his job, Richard said he will listen to student organizations and the Student Senate as guides for what must be done on campus.

Richard's education comes from his home state of Nebraska.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb., and he gained his masters of education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Richard has studied in Norway.

He has made several trips to Germany and London.

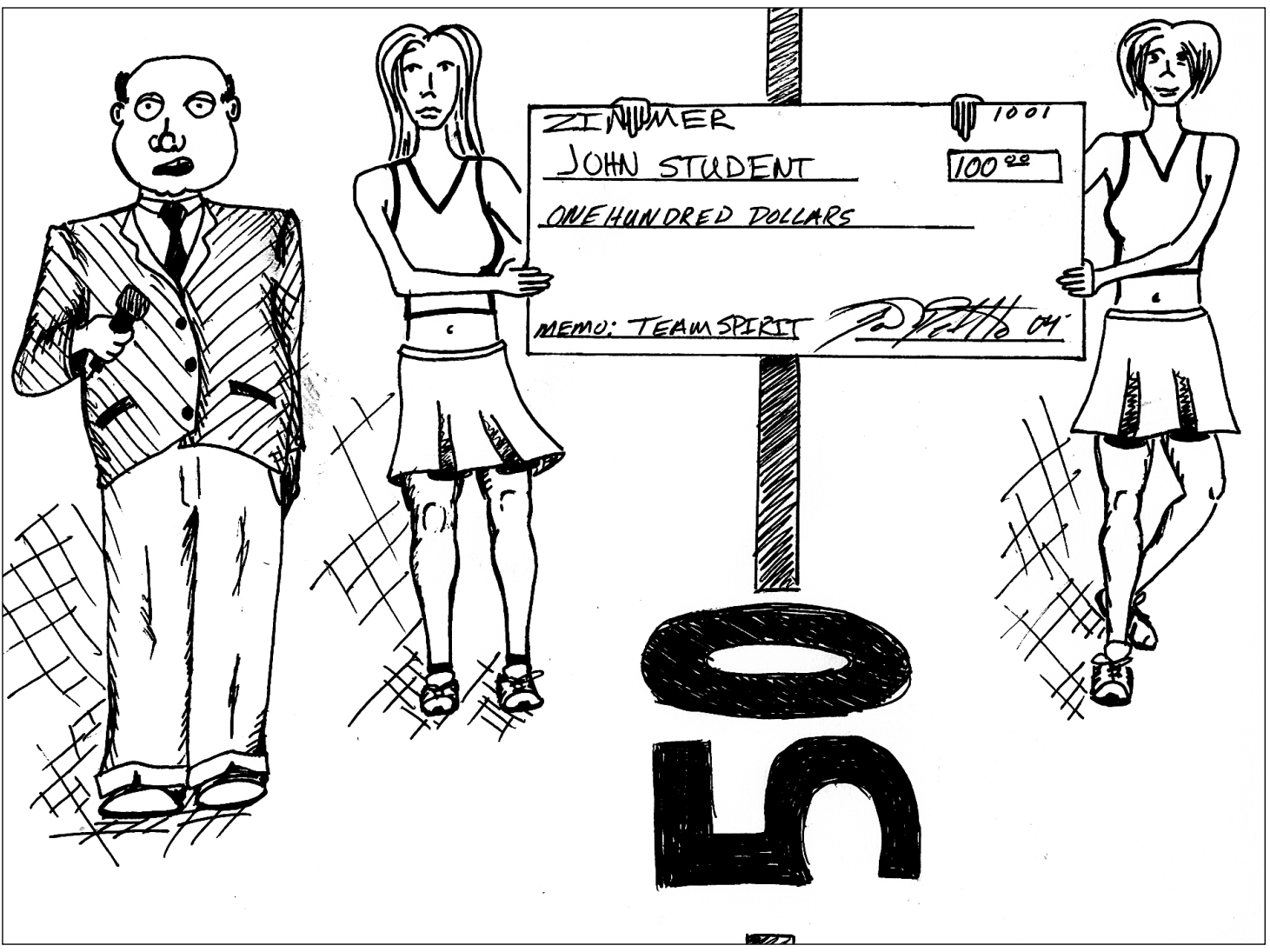
He also said, though he is no longer as fluent as he used to be, he studied Spanish for three years.

The international focus of the University helped attract Richard's attention.

"It (the International Mission) is one of the things that sets us apart as a unique institute," he said.

Julie said the year will bring many changes, but mostly time settling into their positions. They both said they enjoy their new home and hope to be ambassadors to the students.

"You do the best you can," Julie said.



Money is not fan motivation

Chart Opinion

Money is a good motivator for many things. Allowance, jobs and tooth fairies are all associated with money.

Should attending football games be added to the list? The idea to give away money to random attending students is a good one, but it has its flaws.

Students should come to games because they enjoy the sport, not the money. Our team needs our support.

Sure, sometimes attendance is low, but the students who go really do care to see the sporting plays and are aroused by the joyful atmosphere. The smell of snacks in the cool, crisp, fall air should bring students in more than money. It's a feeling from the past.

Money cannot replace that feeling. Students do enjoy winning money, and it is fun to have contests for the fans, but if the contests are created for the mere reason to bring in fans, then it is a farce and should be corrected.

The Chart does not have any suggestions for another contest, nor do we mean to end the current contest, but we do hope that fans come because they are fans, not greedy money grubbers.

We encourage all students to support their lions.

Our fees go to fund many of the programs, and it is a waste if no one goes and sees our teams.

Sports also provide a feeling of community. If students feel a lack of community on campus, then they should start building it in the stands. But, above all, community starts in the heart, not the wallet.

Campus Voice **By Bill Shepherd**

Will CAB, Zimmer $100 giveaway pack stands?

"If we are trying to assemble a supportive following of the athletic department this isn't the way to do it. We just want the money."

Henry Noll
Freshman
Undecided
Major

"Giving away $100 would probably increase participation. We are poor students, so a money give-away is a great idea."

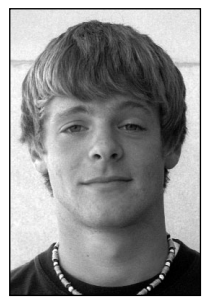
Gina Shanks
Senior
Elementary Educacation
Major

"I believe that giving away $100 would increase participation for college students because a lot of us may need $100 and may luck up on it at a home game."

Kendria Weathers
Senior
Sociology
Major

"The $100 give-away would most definitely increase participation. I think it's a great idea."

Kristian Hamrick
Freshman
Undecided
Major



"It will increase football participation, however other sports will stay the same. I think it's a good idea to increase school spirit, and CAB should continue these types of things."

Patrick Kelly
Sophomore
Biology
Major

Editor's Column

Competition in society, life 'brings out the worst in people'

Everyone has heard the saying, "A little competition never hurt anyone."

While this may be true in many cases, has anyone ever considered the impact competition has on almost every aspect of our lives? Think about it.

T.J. Gerlach
Editor-in-Chief

From the time we are little children barely knee-high to our parents, most of us already learned to compete for what we want, especially if we have siblings. Remember, who ever cries louder earns the most attention?

Children are forced into sports or other group activities sometimes as early as 3 or 4 years old.

From that age on, competition forms a core piece of our lives. Schools emphasize competition with awards for Student of the Month, Honor Roll and so on. Even attendance is made into a competitive race.

Later in life, we enter the college application and scholarship race.

The never-ending race continues after graduation and into the "real world."

The job market is one of the most competitive aspects of our lives, not just for finding a job, but also after we have established ourselves in a career.

Internal advancement often causes bitter rivalries within a single corporation or office.

Competition has embedded itself into the fabric of everyday life.

Seldom is any task ever performed without some monetary or physical reward as a goal.

Pride and self-respect have been lost as a driving force to get the job done.

Competition, rather than cooperation is most often the chosen method of community problem solving.

Teams are usually formed to propose alternate methods to solving a problem. This method, while effective and often yielding a productive answer, can be more effort than it is worth.

Competitive problem solving means extra time is spent choosing between proposals, along with the time the teams spend self-organizing.

If one cooperative group is used, less time would need to be spent on organizing it and the different ideas would be weeded out in the beginning, instead of the end.

This means the more people can spend more time and effort putting together the final answer or product.

Not only does competition hinder performance, but as author David Sarnoff said, it brings out the worst in people.

Competition causes people to do things they would never do in any normal situation.

People in general can become truly treacherous creatures when faced with competition.

When some people start losing, their competitive nature completely takes over and changes that person.

Aggression and anger surface more easily ad more often in many people at this point. Others may start to become depressed.

A little competition never hurt anyone, huh?

Most newspapers have seen stories involving parents who abuse their children for competing poorly in some event, athletic or, worse, killing an official or another parent due to a competition. Of course the participants themselves can be hurt as well, be it a love lost to another suitor, a determined athlete who is still beaten, a deserving employee passed over for a promotion or any similar case. While humans do require competition in our lives to fulfill some deep-seeded feeling, we have to be responsible enough not to let it destroy lives or tear society apart.

T.J. Gerlach is the Editor-in-Chief for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

Letter

Religious ideals may destroy civil societies

What can one say to repute generations of teachings? Religion had its grand designed purposes for simple minds in simple societies. Today's complex world societies need to adhere to the moralistic base for which religion was designed to conform society into right.

Today's complex societies need to stray away from the unrealistic tribal teachings that "my" God is the one and only true God. Today's complex world societies need to realize that one god true to the minds of one society, if be true, would be the one God to children fighting among themselves for the inheritance of his kingdom.

Religion's shared delusional disorder intent is to leave each individual with his or her own special inheritance. The truth is that if there is a heavenly kingdom to be inherited, a good father would want the inheritance to be shared by all his children. The truth is that a good father would not want one single child to fall prey to the greed for inheritance of another, let alone millions of his children. Religion has spawned the devastation of war for past and present, for this religion is the worst thing to happen to mankind. We cannot let the future reside in religious ideals.

Matthew Harris
Junior
Psychology Major

In Perspective

Legacies lie where we least expect them

The moonrise was especially vibrant the other night. Maybe, I was overly receptive because I saw the huge, amber orb looming over the Frisco Building right after a few Boulevard ales at Decker's Dog Bar with some Missouri Southern alumni and fellow Kappa Alpha brothers, but I don't think so. Over the past year, I've been quite contemplative. Maybe it's because I've completed my 15th year at Southern and the 25th year of my professional career? Possibly I'm starting to notice things like just how big the moon appears when hanging above the horizon? How many nights have I been oblivious of the moon? What if there was no moon? The moon isn't just a rock in space, it's romantic , it has a legacy, it's lore. Yes. Legacy, that's what I've been thinking about.

Dr. John Knapp
Professor of Geophysics

A few weeks ago, I watched a full moon rise in Virginia; it's more romantic there than in Missouri. The brochure at the rest stop informed me, "Virginia is for lovers." Why then did they name it for virgins?

At Washington and Lee University, I stood in the doorway of Robert E. Lee's eerily quiet college office undisturbed from how he left it shortly before his death in 1870. Lee, said, "nothing is more instructive than the perusal of deeds of men in other ages." He's talking about legacy. When I'm gone, how long will my office remain untouched?

Arlington National Cemetery resides on Lee's former plantation, inherited when he married George Washington's great granddaughter. It was confiscated and converted into a burial ground for Union soldiers, the Army's revenge for Lee's betrayal of his former fellow soldiers. Looking from Arlington House, atop the hill, thousands of perfectly aligned rows of white headstones fill the landscape in front of the White House and Capitol dome shimmering in the distance, across the Potomac River. What a gut-wrenching reminder of the price of the freedoms those buildings represent. Row after row after row of graves, the sound of Taps as the fancy-dressed honor guard meticulously places another wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; how many of our leaders have failed to journey to this site before voting war.

America is fond of honoring it was dead. We appreciate their legacy, but how many nonmilitary heroes have been forgotten?

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Judy Parsons, new French instructor, studied in France for a summer as well as traveled throughout Europe.

French instructor joins Southern staff

Travels through France lend personal experience

By Chris Heinrich
International Editor

Not many people have seen customers ordering food for their dog in restaurants, but new French instructor Judy Parsons has – twice while studying in France.

Once, a woman had a meal, complete with a drink for her dog, which sat at the table in a café. And, while in Nice, the waiter brought the meals for a family and one special plate for their dog that laid on the floor.

Still living in Grove, Parsons drives an hour and a half each day to teach Beginning French I, Intermediate French I and Intermediate French II.

While majoring in elementary education at Oklahoma State University, Parsons decided to switch to French because she enjoyed the language classes she took just for fun.

"Language is one of the things that can touch your life and open the world up to you," Parsons said.

Parsons studied at the Université de Paris, Sorbonne for a summer. There, she was able to mingle with other students from all walks of life.

> *"If you want to be a citizen of the world, it's pretty important to know another language."*
>
> **Judy Parsons**
> *French Instructor*

She enjoyed the learning experience in Europe. Some may think that being in a different country, it may be difficult to get to understand the language.

"Your ears get used to hearing it," she said. "It was challenging, but it was wonderful."

Seeing things in French class is one thing, but in person, "it makes history come alive," she said. "All it does is wet your appetite. It makes you want to go back."

She once co-owned a nature shop in Grove. For a year and a half, the Nature Nook shop brought bird seed and feeders as well as nature-themed gifts to the public.

"It was something we were interested in," Parsons said. "We thought we would enjoy doing that. It was fun."

This is Parson's first semester teaching at the university level. She taught middle and high school levels as well as a class for children at Pittsburg State University.

"Our world is becoming interdependent," she said. "If you want to be a citizen of the world, it's pretty important to know another language."

Parson's advice to students of a foreign language is to just "stick with it." Learning a foreign language "is a life-long project."

"You never know it all," she said. "You can never get bored."

RUSSIA SEMESTER EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 3

- New Russian Art: Paintings from the Christian Keesee Collection, Spiva Art Gallery, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays through Sept. 24
- Visiting Reflections: From Leningrad 1980 to St. Petersburg 2004, noon, BSC Room 310

Friday, Sept. 10

- All Work and No Play: Education the Russian Way, 9 a.m., Taylor Hall Room 113
- When in Russia, Do as the Russians Do: A Closer Look at Traditions, Customs, and Holidays, 11 a.m., Taylor Hall Room 113
- Russian Sock Hop, 7 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

Tuesday, Sept. 14

- An Acting Workshop Based on the Teachings of the Great Russian Actor/Director Michael Chekhov, 7 p.m., Bud Walton Theatre

Wednesday, Sept. 15

- The Teachings of the Great Russian Acting Teacher Konstantin Stanislavsky, 10 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

Thursday, Sept. 16

- Catherine the Great: Life and Legend, 6:30 p.m., Spiva Library Room 413A

Friday, Sept. 17

- Body and Soul: Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, 9 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium
- A Russian Celebrity: Aleksandr Pushkin, 11 a.m., Webster Hall auditorium

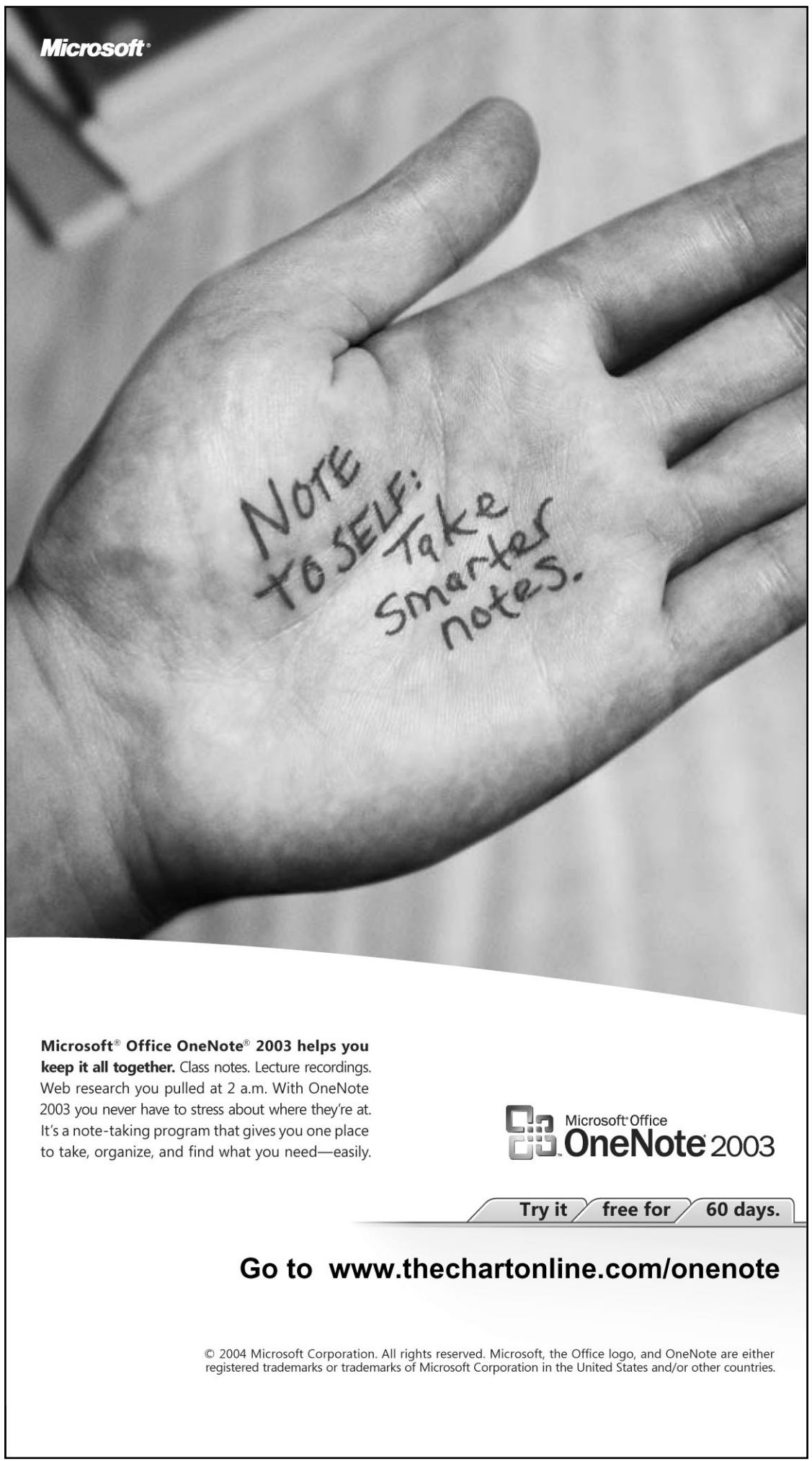
Thursday, Sept. 23

- The Gockel International Symposium: After Tsars and Soviets: Russia's Future and Why It Matters, 9:30 a.m., Taylor Performing Arts Center

RUSSIA ON CANVAS

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Adele Thompson, senior studio arts major, and V.A. Christensen, associate professor of art, prepare to hang the Russian Art exhibit. The exhibit will be on display 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays until Sept. 24 in the Spiva Art Gallery. Personal collector Christian Keesee is loaning the artwork to Missouri Southern.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Diversions

Hanging by a Thread

Yo-yos prove more than fad for new resident

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Jesse Williams, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., doesn't have a backup plan.

For Williams and his yo-yo, the motto is succeed or die trying.

"I'm pretty confident," Williams said.

Williams moved to Joplin two weeks ago, after being offered a job leading the new yo-yo program at the local specialty store Eccentrix.

When Williams graduated from high school in May, his parents asked what he wanted to do with his life. He unapologetically announced his intention to use his yo-yo skills professionally.

"They asked, 'what else do you want to do?,'" he said.

But Williams didn't have a backup plan. He never submitted a résumé, electronic or otherwise, and didn't seek out a job. But Williams couldn't escape his fate.

After seeing Williams's yo-yo demonstrations at several area venues, including The URT, several people contacted Ron Erwin, owner of Eccentrix, who had been interested in starting a yo-yo program for some time.

Erwin invited Williams to discuss a business opportunity, and when Williams traveled to Joplin for the interview, he was offered the job immediately.

Williams's obsession with yo-yos dates back to a demonstration he saw at school while in the sixth grade. Now his repertoire includes 300 tricks he strings together in an attempt to defy the laws of physics.

"It's more interesting that way," he said.

He practices his skills four to five hours a day and at any given time carries $300 worth of yo-yos and equipment with him in a small black bag in the shape of a cat's head.

Everywhere Williams goes, people stop and stare. His skill level makes him an oddity in the region.

"They usually don't know what to say, they stare blankly, " Williams said. "When I stop they don't know what to do, they've lost track of what they were doing. I'm pretty much it (for the area)."

Instead of the cocky world-class exhibitionist that would befit his skill, Williams is quiet and unassuming, letting his yo-yo do the convincing. Williams qualified for regional, national and world competition, but has never been able to exhibit his skills there because of lack of money.

"Nationals are Oct. 12," he said, " it's on my birthday, so I have to go this year."

Despite the comments and stares, Williams said he never gets tired of people asking him to do his tricks.

"My parents are sometimes still impressed by my tricks," Williams said.

Williams's responsibilities at Eccentrix include working the cash register, ordering yo-yo stock, demonstrating yo-yo tricks and teaching yo-yo classes on the weekend at Eccentrix. Williams appears in the new Eccentrix commercial debuting this week. The classes will begin later this month for an undecided fee Williams described as "inexpensive."

Yo-yo equipment was very popular worldwide from 1998 to 2000, but fans and merchandise carriers lost interest and now professional-grade yo-yo equipment is hard to find in most small areas. Williams would like to change that.

"There's still an underground following that keeps it (yo-yoing) alive," Williams said.

Yo-yos are more complex and allow for more creativity than Williams thinks most people realize.

"It's a lot more complicated now than it used to be," he said. "I guess people are just figuring that our now."

Shelly Jordan, 18, Neosho, Eccentrix customer, remembers the yo-yo fad's height and demise while she was in high school and is excited about the idea of bringing it back.

"I like the old school yo-yos," Jordan said. "I used to buy them all the time from 1999-2000. I even had a friend who went to nationals."

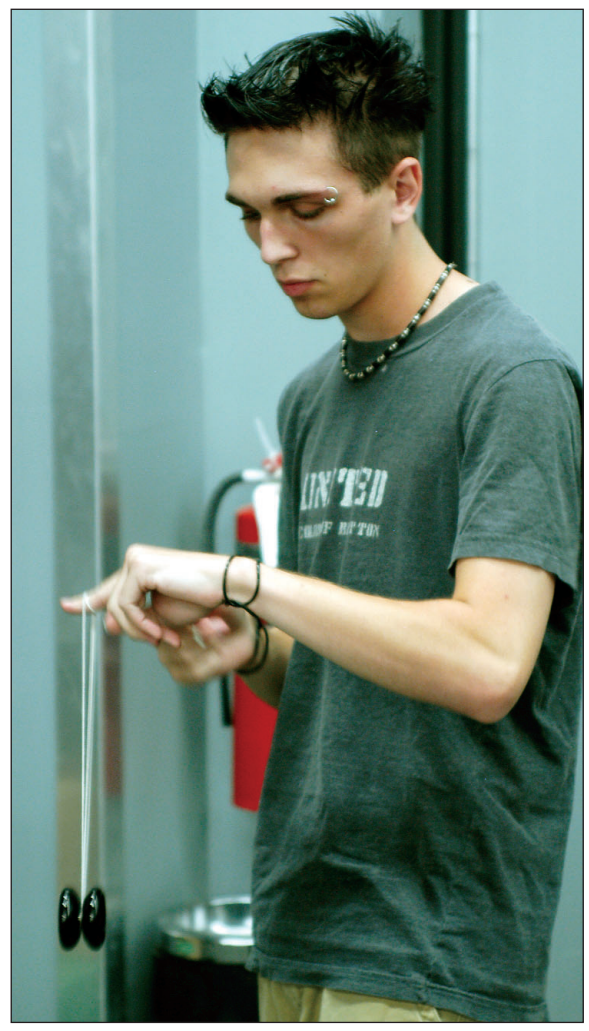
Specialty stores sell professional yo-yos for $15-40, but can cost as much as $400 for a top of the line handcrafted magnesium yo-yo. Persons with the interest, time and money can customize their yo-yos by changing the weight, structure and ball bearings.

"If you're really into it, you can tell the difference between the different models," Williams said. "Within the first minute I can tell if I'm going to like it or not."

As part of their new yo-yo program, Eccentrix will begin carrying all the equipment a serious yo-yoist requires, including string.

For the time being, Williams is looking forward to his new career, home and the upcoming competitions, but is always focused on his dream of joining a Duncan Yo-Yo traveling demonstration team. Williams offers upcoming yo-yoists the advice he never took himself.

"Keep at it, see how it goes, but always have a backup plan."



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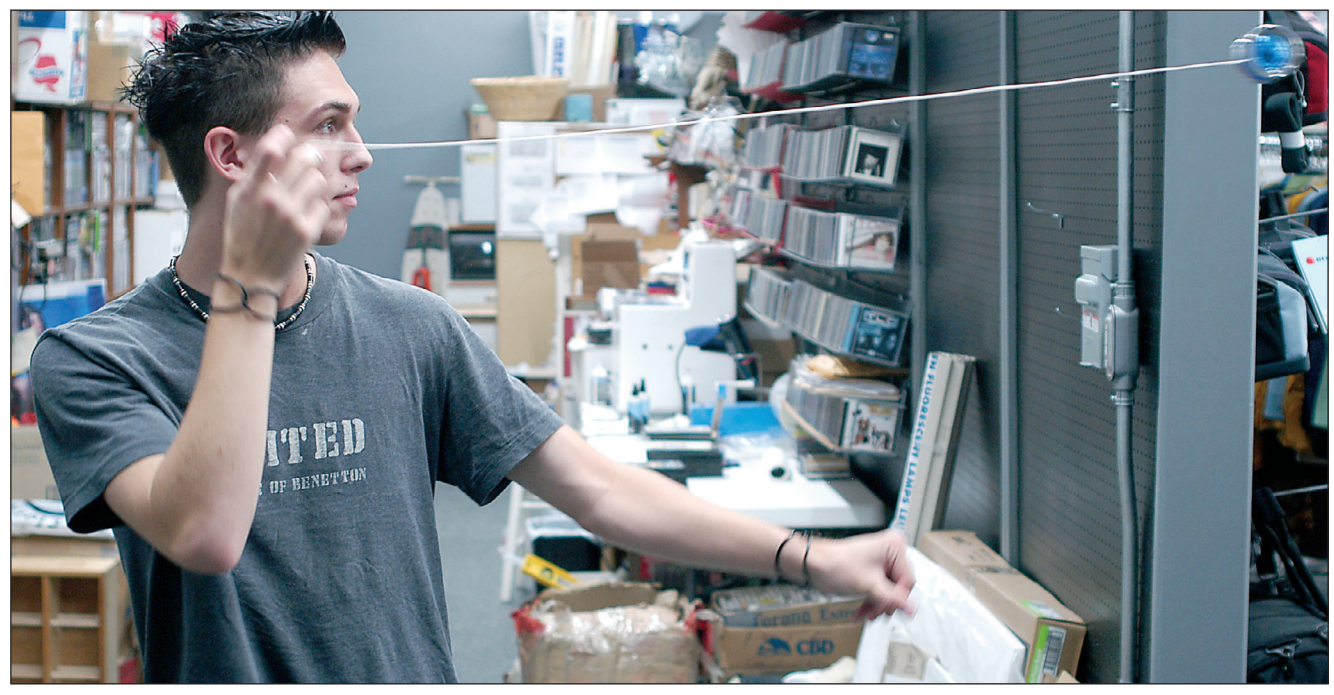
Above, Jesse Williams, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., qualified for regional, national and world competition for his yo-yo skills, but was never able to attend because of lack of money.
Below, Williams carries $300 in yo-yo equipment.
Far Below, Williams recently accepted a job starting a yo-yo program at the local specialty store Eccentrix.
Cutout, Williams knows over 300 yo-yo tricks.



'Last Comic Standing' contestant promises laughs to campus in October

By David Haut
Managing Editor

Returning from their summer hiatus, the Campus Activities Board hit the ground running during its first official meeting of the semester Sept. 1.

Ten people were in attendance to discuss issues ranging from recruitment to Halloween activities. The first meeting focused on recruitment. CAB has never had a strong showing of student support, which is something Julie Blackford, director of student activities, hopes to change in this semester.

Blackford said CAB has experienced some losses in membership since last semester, but said CAB is still strong with new and returning members.

"People think of this as an office," said Terry Levy, senior pre-law/criminal justice major. "We want people to come to the meetings."

Blackford and Levy want students to know that all students are welcome to attend CAB meetings, especially if students don't agree with what CAB uses its funds for.

"Either now or prior, whatever CAB spends their money on is what students want," said Levy. "If students have a problem with what we spend their money on, then come to the meeting."

CAB
Campus Activities Board

That's all it takes. Everybody at the meetings agrees on it. The only way we'll know what [students] want is if [students] come to the meetings."

Upcoming events include Natural High Week, scheduled for the week of Sept. 13.

A DUI simulator and speaker Mark Sterner headline the week.

Homecoming week, Sept. 20, includes events like a skate night at 9 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Keely's Silver Wheels and a bachelor and bachelorette auction at 7 p.m. in the Criminal Justice Auditorium.

Anyone interested in participating in the auction may contact the student activities office on the second floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Other homecoming events include pirate pictures, a picnic and free T-shirts.

Other upcoming events include local astronaut Janet Kavandi and "Last Comic Standing" comedian Tammy Pescatelli both scheduled for late October.

CAB will devote time to the homecoming activities next Wednesday. Anyone interested in CAB is encouraged to attend the weekly meetings at 2 p.m. in the student activities office.

"The Guys," Missouri Southern Theatre's latest offering, focuses on the firefighters who were killed in the terrorist attacks of 9-11. For information, read the story.

Summer Movie Review

Blockbusters include anticipated sequels, unexpected hit sleepers

Review Corner

David Haut
Managing Editor

The Bourne Supremacy

Matt Damon reprises the role of Jason Bourne in this sequel not entirely based on the Robert Ludlum novel.

The film picks up closely where the first one left off with Bourne and his girlfriend Marie trying to hide from the CIA in India.

When a CIA operation goes wayward and Bourne is framed, he must once again reprise the role of Jason Bourne and clear his name, at least, that's how the trailer puts it.

With more action and a deeper plot, this sequel is a must-see for fans of the spy genre.

The Terminal

This movie was quite possibly the best movie of the summer.

Tom Hanks plays Viktor Navorski, a Russian immigrant on a mission.

When a civil war in his fictional country of Krakozhia makes his passport invalid, Navorski is forced to live in an airport terminal for months.

Throughout his ordeal he learns English, courts a beautiful flight attendant and makes friends with the entire airport staff.

Directed by Steven Speilberg, this film breaks the Hollywood norm with this unique, wrong place, wrong time film.

Spider-man 2

He's back. Tobey Maguire plays the web-slinging hero masquerading as the pasty, pathetic photographer, Peter Parker.

This time, Parker struggles with his dual identity and hangs it up as a hero. That is, until Dr. Otto Octavius has a freak accident giving him metal tentacles and a thirst for revenge.

Of course, his grandmother and Mary Jane Watson are caught in the middle, forcing Spider-man to come to the rescue.

If you liked the first, you'll like the second, but beware of cheesy "everybody needs a hero scenes."

Hero

Prepare for an attack — on your senses. Through loud swordplay, exquisite scenery and fast placed fight scenes, Hero will wear out even the most seasoned kung-fu junkies. The movie is exquisite and emotional.

Jet Li plays a nameless warrior on a quest to unite China after years of civil unrest. The film chronicles the travels of Li's character as he describes his dominance over three deadly assassins. Hero is told in a fractured manner and is entirely subtitled.

All photos were taken from http://movies.yahoo.com/.

Funny Thing About Life...

David Haut
Managing Editor

I'm back. Yeah, I know my hair is shorter and is a different color, but I swear, it was like this when I woke up one morning.

Everyone has asked me what I've been doing over the summer. Yard work. Yeah, a wuss like me did yard work, all summer.

I won't disclose who I worked for, just in case you may have surveyed my work over the summer, but I will tell you I did get to use some cool tools and machines. I used a backpack blower, which I found out can blow a snake over 10 feet, a pressure washer, which can cut a snake in half and a tractor that could hunt down and run over hundreds of snakes in a mere matter of seconds.

When I wasn't hunting snakes, I was hunting weeds. I kept Round-Up in a holster. Dandelions didn't stand a chance. Sometimes I sprayed snakes. They didn't stand a chance either.

The job made me feel like a man. My boss had a tractor I rode all the time. I felt manly. He had stuff for me to burn, I felt manly. He had a huge chainsaw. I never used it, but I held it a few times. I felt manly.

I took the job because I wanted to feel manly. As a newspaper guy, I don't do any actual labor, other than throwing a Frisbee around the newsroom. I saw this summer as my chance to get strong, be a man, build stuff, lift stuff, burn stuff and, of course, hunt down snakes.

Manual labor isn't always the most fun thing to do, so I tried to make it interesting. I staged a fight to the death between a brown recluse spider and a worm. The worm actually won, with a little help from my foot.

I did time trials on the mower and tried to cut down a small tree with a *Weed-Eater*. What is more manly than that?

I did get some actual work done this summer, at least, that what my boss told me. I did apologize for not doing everything as well as a professional, and for accidentally cutting all of his extension cords in half with the hedge trimmer (I thought they were snakes.)

So, for those of you who were curious, it was a good summer. I may not be stronger, I may not have a good tan, I still may not be able to use a chainsaw, but I can say one thing, snakes beware.

David Haut, Managing Editor, writes a weekly humor column for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff members.*

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Rachel Mastin, senior theatre major, and Aaron Stockton, senior theatre and CADD major, portray a journalist and a firefighting captain collaborating to write the eulogies of four firefighters who died in the 9-11 terrorist attacks in New York in Missouri Southern's latest theatrical offering, *The Guys*.

Play offers tribute to fallen heroes

By Hallie Hocker
Staff Writer

Missouri Southern theatre students enter into a new season of productions with a tribute to heroes both locally and those in the World Trade Center on 9-11.

The Guys, directed by Dr. Jay Fields, professor of theatre, is based on a true story written by Anne Nelson. Southern theatre will present the show in the Bud Walton Theatre at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 7-12.

The Guys focuses on the lives of four firefighters lost on 9-11. Their captain, responsible for writing their eulogies, seeks the aid of a journalist. During the process, she discovers what amazing men, fathers and husbands the men were.

The production also aims to show what unique experiences the people around us have had.

For the cast and crew, the play has been an emotional and sobering experience.

"One of the most difficult things is having to speed up the emotion we're feeling because it's hard to fit all of what we feel into the time slot of the play," said Aaron Stockton, senior theatre and CADD major.

Stockton plays the role of Nick, the fire captain.

"Everyday is very emotional and very personal," said Rachel Mastin, senior theatre major. "It brings back memories of 9-11 and makes it more personal by putting faces to it."

Attendees will be able to pay tribute to local heroes as well as those who passed away on 9-11. Area firefighters are invited to attend and will be recognized at each performance.

A portrait of Carthage fireman Steve Fierro will be displayed at the play along with fireman's gear for audience members to honor. Fierro passed away while fighting a fire in February.

In addition, pictures and video footage of the events of 9-11 will be shown before and during the play. Each of the men's names who passed away in that fatal day will be read during the play; their portraits will also be shown.

Fields hopes people will come see the play with one thought in mind — a thought for those firefighters locally and those who passed away three years ago in the World Trade Center attacks.

"Let's remember and pay honor and tribute again," he said.

"It's something we can all relate to since we all remember 9-11," Mastin said. "The play helps heal the wounds that remain."

Tickets are $3 for adults and $1 for senior citizens and children. Students and faculty have free admission, but need to make reservations. Tickets will be held until 7:15 p.m. the night of showing.

To make reservations, call 417-625-3190.

Area Events

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The Cookout, Paparazzi and *Wicker Park* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Political Science Movie: *Manchurian Candidate* @ 7 p.m. @ Webster Hall Auditorium.

Carthage Ragtime Festival @ the Powers Museum.

KA Sand Volleyball @ 7 p.m. @ the dorm courts.

Tom Evans Carnival @ Joplin Memorial Hall parking lot.

4
Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Carthage Ragtime Festival @ the Powers Museum.

Civil War Living History featuring Dragoons @ 8 a.m.-5 p.m. @ Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Republic, Mo.

5
Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

Carthage Ragtime Festival @ the Powers Museum.

6
Labor Day — Campus Closed

BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

7
KA Laser Tag @ 7 p.m. @ Laser City.

8
The Guys play opens @ 7:30p.m. @ The Bud Walton Theatre.

General all-ages extreme sports session @ 3 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor of Billingsly.

9
Chief Sarcoxie Days @ 10 a.m. @ the Sarcoxie Square.

Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird News:

Happy Birthday Toilet Paper

INDIANA — A woman organized a birthday party for toilet paper at her retirement home last week. She said she found some research indicating a primitive form of TP was used for the first time on August 26th in the year 580.

She said regardless of the date, toilet paper is still worth celebrating and the birthday party was a way to have some laughs and eat ice cream and cake. For the record, the first toilet paper roll was marketed in 1867 by the Scott brothers.

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Bear's Escape Plan Fails

BERLIN — Juan the Andean spectacled bear first paddled across a moat using a log for a raft, then scaled a wall and tried to commandeer a bicycle and head toward a playground before zookeepers cornered and tranquilized the bear.

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BOARD:

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covered out of network.

Delta Dental of Missouri was accepted as for dental coverage. Dutch Kelley said Delta Dental matched Southern's current plan and rates and no change will occur from the current plans.

The committee received three bids for vision coverage, but Superior was the only company to quote both a low and high option. The Board approved the bid, which has a two-year rate guarantee and extends coverage to all Wal-Mart optical, Lenscrafters, Pearle Vision and JCPenney optical outlets.

Cigna's bid for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment and long-term disability was accepted.

Cigna offered a three-year rate guarantee and a lower premium for retirees. The Taben Group was also approved for COBRA Administration.

No bids were received for long-term care, but the committee spoke with the current provider, and it was agreed that after coverage ends, Southern employees will be able to pay directly instead of having a payroll deduction.

"The benefits committee has been working hard," said Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs.

Also during the meeting:

• University President Julio León said the higher education community is trying to converse with the gubernatorial candidates about their plans for higher education in the state of Missouri.

• Lee Pound, director of the Alumni Association, said the association wants to be more involved with academics. She informed the Board of the Association's plans for future growth.

• Pound also announced the theme for Homecoming. It will be "Discover the Treasures of Southern," a pirate theme.

She said 10 faculty members will participate in a dress-up contest with a penny vote. The winner will wear a pirate outfit the Friday of Homecoming week.

• Curt Betebenner, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, gave the Board an overview of the Foundation's Capital Campaign, which should raise $7.6 million by June 30, 2005.

• Dr. Richard McCallum attended his first formal Board meeting. McCallum reported on the progress of graduate programs a Southern.

He said the first program is already in place and two more programs are still in discussion, one with Southwest Missouri State University and the other with the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

GIVEAWAY:

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Grahm Dickinson senior finance major and co-captain of the cheerleading squad. "I know if I got an e-mail saying I could win $500, I'd be at the game."

"I would go [for $100]," said Michelle Eberle, senior biology major. "It's been awhile since I've been to a [football] game."

"The better the environment, the easier it is to play," said Greim. "If we can create an environment where [students] come and have a good time, they'll come back, money or not."

Between a new coach, new freshmen, a new offense and prize potential, Southern football may be in for a winning season.

"We had more students [at the game] by far than any game last year," Dickinson said.

Two hundred dollars will be up for grabs at 7 p.m. this Saturday at Hughes Stadium. Admission is free to all Southern students.

ZENNER:

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forgot her," said Jennifer Jimerson, Lions softball head coach and one of Zenner's teammates. "She made a positive impact on everyone she knew."

Lipira said more than 1,500 people attended Zenner's visitation. She said the wait at the funeral home was an hour and 45 minutes.

"That gave the message right there of what she meant to others and what others meant to her," Lipira said.

"She had a light about her life that just radiated," Jimerson said.

In her time at Missouri Southern, Zenner pitched for the softball lions.

"She wasn't always a starter," Lipira said. "But it didn't matter; she knew she had a role."

Lipira said Zenner was the type of player a coach wants to have. She said Zenner was one of those players that recognized that not every player could be on the field.

"On the team, she was one of the girls that when you were down, she'd help pick you up," Jimerson said.

Jimerson said Zenner was a "very caring individual."

She said Zenner was loved by everyone she knew.

"I know that Missouri Southern and Missouri Southern softball was real important to her," Lipira said.

Zenner was married in May, and her husband, Mike Zenner, has taken on the mission of making sure such an event does not happen again, Jimerson said.

Zenner pitched in 19 games at Southern, with a 7-7 record.

"She impacted a lot of lives," Jimerson said. "[Zenner will] definitely be greatly missed."

Legacies:

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The view from Arlington House reminds me of another panorama, much closer to home.

Cox cemetery, atop a hill, east of Landreth park near downtown Joplin, is filled with hundreds of hap-hazard-placed and unmarked graves of the miners who died building the city that stands on the hill to the west. The Tri-State zinc and lead, mined by grueling labor, no only forged our community but provided the materials to build and protect our entire nation. Where are the monuments for these miners, have we abandoned their legacy? Not yet. A living memorial, the Joplin Museum Complex, educated 15,000 school children in an effort to preserve the spirit of our forebears. Not many people care. The museum depends upon public contributions, yet less than 70 families, from a community of nearly 50,000, have donated $35 for an annual membership. Many people refuse to pay the $5 admissions charge, turning their backs and walking away.

Having attended college in the 1970s, the Vietnam War and the draft are entrenched in my thinking. Merely by chance, I was not drafted; some of my friends were not so lucky, The Vietnam War Memorial left me uneasy - its polished black granite superimposed the inscribed names of the war casualties over my reflected image.

I could see nothing but death...death all over me.

One of my KA brothers at the Dog Bar recently returned from nine months of military service in Afghanistan. Pressed about the abuse of Iraqi and Afghani detainees, he would only say, "why do we train soldiers to fight and kill and then expect them to be model citizens?" When I look into the Vietnam War Memorial, the answer is as clear and as agonizing as my reflection: the actions of our soldiers are superimposed on all of us, through them we all fight and kill. I don't feel comfortable killing and abusing people; I need to believe we are the good guys.

Washington, a city of memorials, has signs everywhere to remind visitors to show reverence and respect. Are we so indifferent to the dignity of anybody's legacy that we must be told how to behave? Memorials aren't about death; they're about the sacrifices we all fight and kill. I don't feel comfortable killing and abusing people; I need to believe we are the good guys.

Late one night, the moon was bright and full, the immense statue of Jefferson, illuminated by brilliant white light, reached high above the surrounding blackness of the Potomac tidal basin.

It was quiet, dead silent; even the cicadas were showing respect.

Then I saw them, peering from the darkness, watching, I saw them everywhere, National Guardsmen poised with military assault weapons.

Our national city under siege by our own forces, I hated what I saw. We can't let this be our legacy.

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MASTERS:

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The programs are not closed to non-education majors, but for the early childhood education emphasis, Griffin said the students should take a few background undergraduate classes before beginning the program.

Admission requirements for applications include a 2.50 grade-point-average on a 4.00 scale and official scores from the GRE test.

A writing assessment will be required in the first trimester of the courses. Classes cost $168 for Missouri residents and $336 for non-residents.

Other programs are also being considered for graduate studies.

"When we think about the graduate degrees, we must think about our community leaders and the skills they require," said Dr. Richard McCallum, vice president for academic affairs.

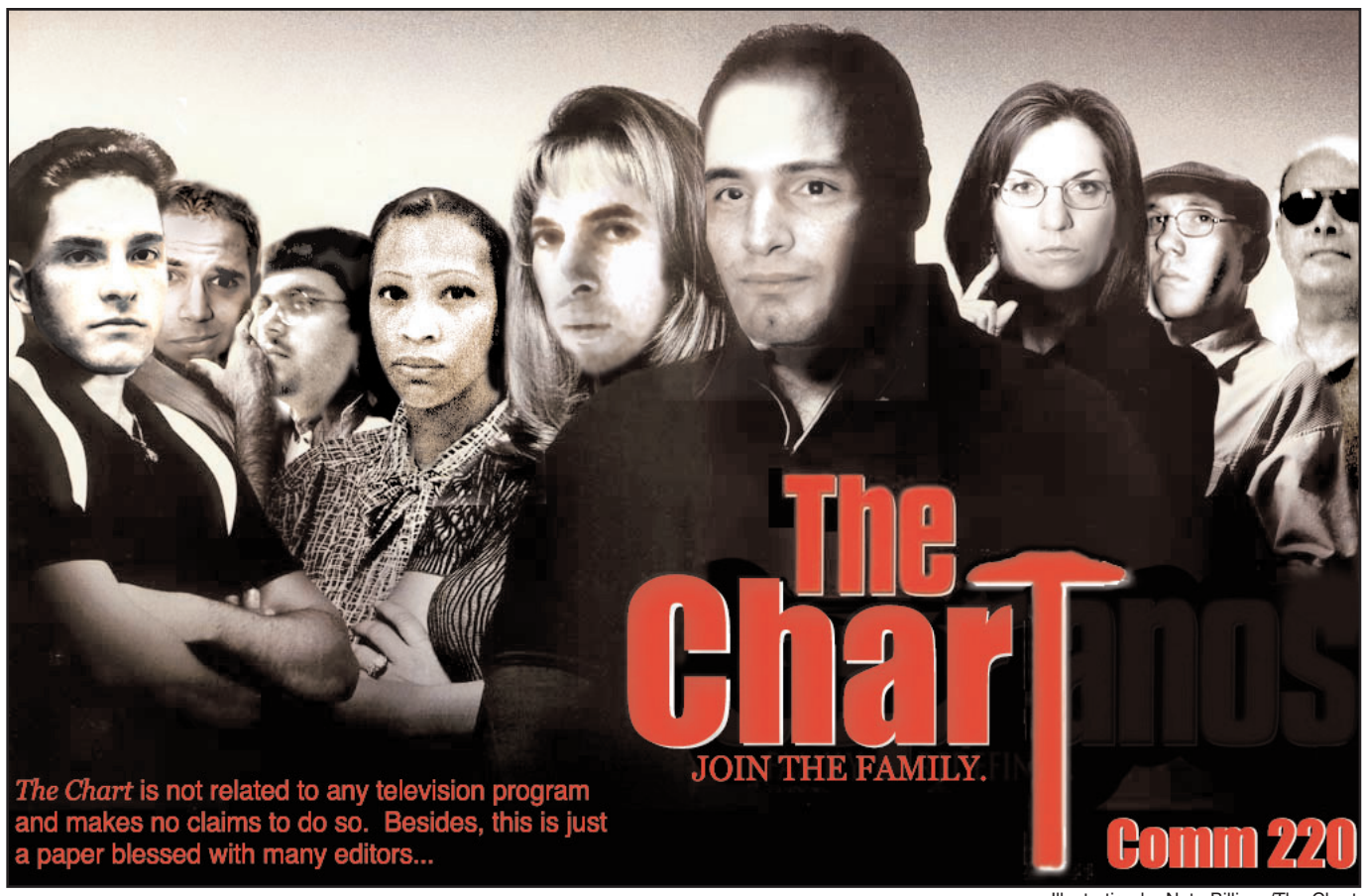
McCallum and Griffin said they are working together with Southwest Missouri State University and University of Missouri in Kansas City to develop nursing and dental hygiene programs. There is also the possibility of a masters of arts in teaching. Griffin said these areas are ones which many people feel a need to develop in the area.

> *"The Programs will be a great boom to teachers in the area."*
>
> **Dr. Betsy Griffin**
>
> *Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs*

The current graduate program classes began a week later than the undergraduate classes because the NMSU academic calendar is a week later than Southern's.

Students can apply and enroll for the courses online at http://www.mssu.edu.

The application is through NMSU, but classes are taught on campus at Southern.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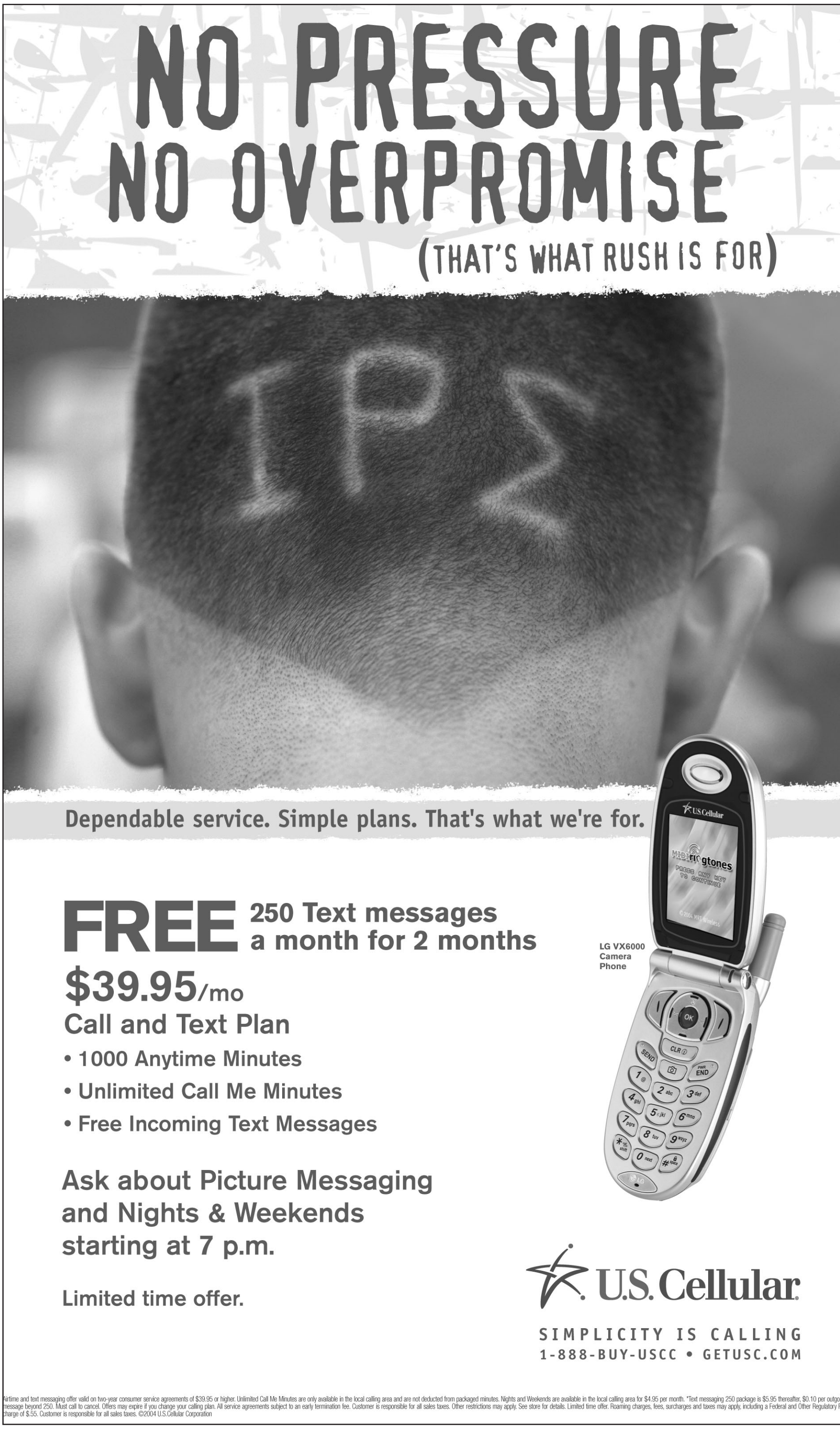
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Adam Skiermont, senior forward, battles with his opponents from Missouri Valley College during the Sept. 1 game. Skiermont had two goals last season.

Time to Kick it

Men's soccer starts season with a tie

From Staff Reports

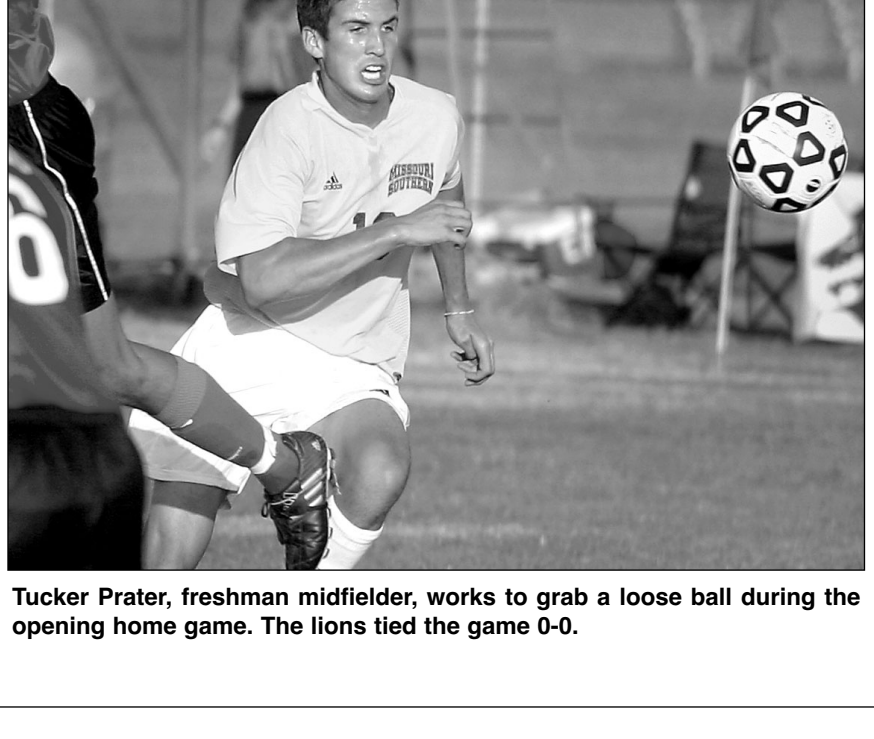
Football isn't the only sport in town.

The Missouri Southern men's soccer team went head to head with Missouri Valley Sept. 1, at home with 200 in attendance.

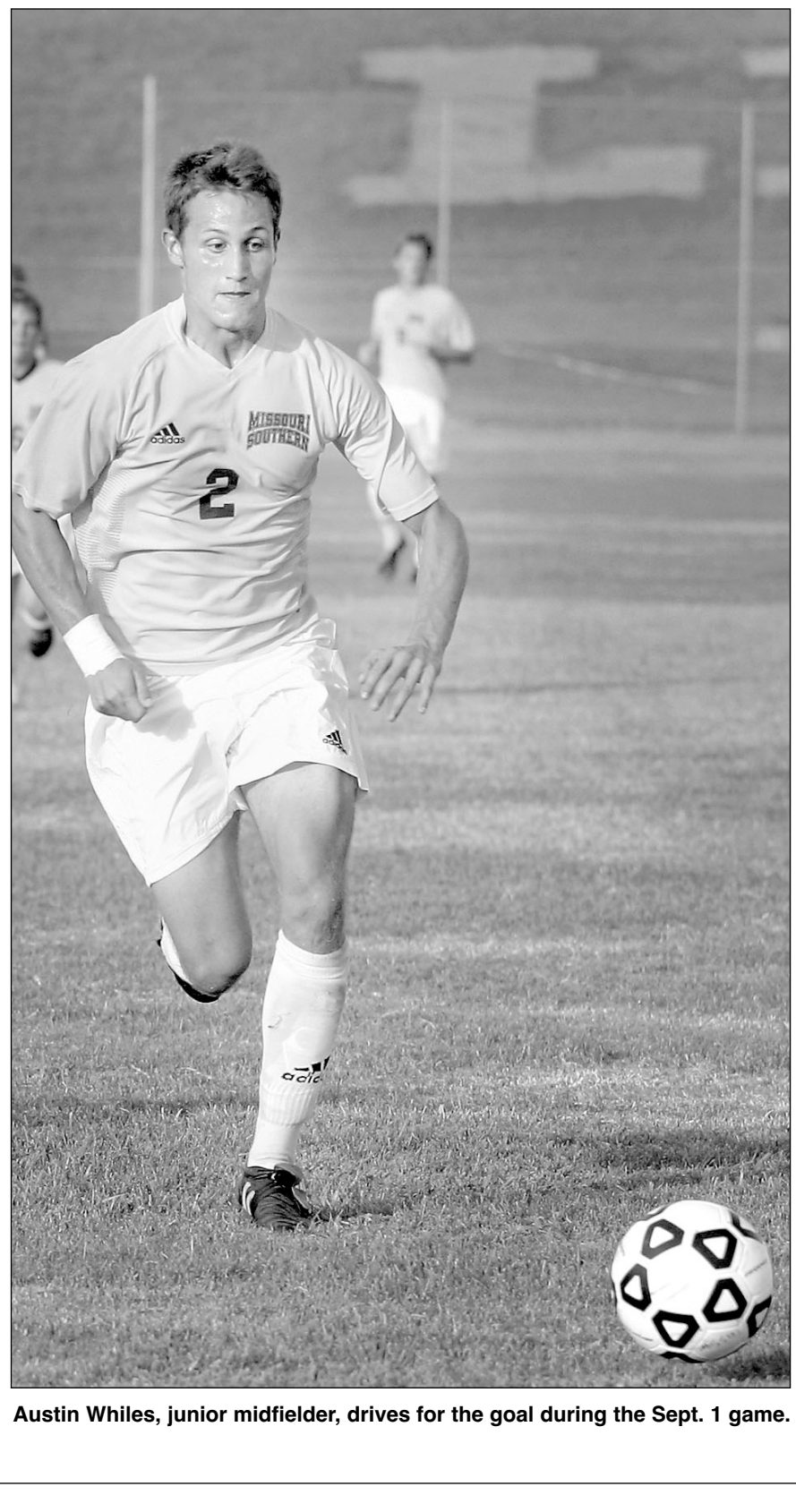
The Lions played to a 0-0 tie in double overtime. Southern had 16 shots with six shots on goal.

The Lions are (0-0-1).

Their next match is Sept. 6, at Harding University.



Tucker Prater, freshman midfielder, works to grab a loose ball during the opening home game. The lions tied the game 0-0.



Austin Whiles, junior midfielder, drives for the goal during the Sept. 1 game.

Tailgating remains a summer tradition

Summer is at its end with all the smells and nuances. For some, it was long and tedious and for others, well, just non-existent. The ritual known as grilling is at its ebb. Say "Good-bye" to the warm embrace and "Hello" to a cooler wisp.

The fall semester at Southern is upon us at full tilt. There is nothing cool and wispy about it. Football is here and from the looks of things, it came in with a vengeance. With football come the tailgate parties. Now before anyone thinks that tailgating and grilling are the same, just slow down a minute and think. They are two different kinds of animals.

Summer grilling is feeding the family outside where usually the guy throws a slab of meat on the coals and sears it for a minute or two and proudly states he has fed his family. Tailgating on the other hand is a lifestyle all its own. It has a proud heritage behind it, all the while leads into a competition among "gaters".

Some things go hand in hand while some do not. Football and tailgating are two in a marriage of sweat and bratwurst.

Russ Hagerman
Sports Editor

There is seriousness about it when a tailgater sets up next to another tailgater. As I see it, it comes down to a medieval science. Put meat, fresh or semi-fresh, on the fire after a little seasoning and you have the beginning of makings of the tailgate party. The thrill of the kill, mine is bigger than yours and the all time favorite of mine smells better, is the positioning of the "grill masters". The winner will know by the throngs of people salivating near his throne just to inhale the aroma of the perfect burger charring over the flame.

The perfect Saturday afternoon or evening is to go to a home football game and partake in the festivities. Get together with your friends and classmates and cheer on the home team. The Lions did their part in the home opener. Now is the time for the fans to do their part. It takes three things to make the perfect football game, a football team, tailgating and the fans. The team showed up and the bratwurst did also. The fans now have to do their part. Everything feeds from the other. The team does well and the fans show. The fans show up and the team does well. With that combination, the tailgaters will throw more 'brats on the grill.

We will have one big party on a Saturday afternoon; enjoy the game and a bratwurst. Man, pass me the mustard, please.

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Athletics reload for new season

By Noelle Ott
Staff Writer

Starting the first year of college is not the same for everyone. This is especially true for those who are beginning to play a sport at collegiate level, like those who will play soccer and softball or run track and field. Missouri Southern has had several new additions for the upcoming season. Women's soccer is one of those teams. With 14 new players, 12 being freshmen, the soccer team seems to be having a new beginning as well.

However, Trevor Wachsman, women's soccer head coach, believes that they will be able to step up and succeed.

"They have lots of talent," Wachsman said.

"They really want to be successful," he said.

Wachsman has been impressed so far with their willingness to work hard and the positive attitude that the team, as a whole and as individuals, portrays.

He looks forward to seeing how they will develop as the season progresses and what they will look like as a team at the end of the year.

"They really want to be successful."

Trevor Wachsman
Women's Soccer Head Coach

Ashley Turner, freshman, marketing major, is one of the new defensive players for this year's squad. When asked what she found most challenging about playing at the collegiate level, Turner acknowledged that the pre-season's practice was "more intense" than previous experiences of playing soccer at the high school level.

Woman's softball had eight new players this year, and they are still in the recruiting stage. The team's first practice was on August 30, but Jennifer Jimerson, softball head coach women's, is already anticipating their new season. She stated the new members brought "new energy, new life, and new intensity" to their program. She believes also this season's team will have a better speed in offense due, in part, to the new team players. On October 2, after competing against Northeastern State University of Talequah, Okla., and Neosho Community College, the women's softball team will be having an alumni game in which the current team will compete in a scrimmage against the alumni players.

Men's track and field department has also recruited more players for its squad. It has added about 14 players this year, however, Tom Rutledge, head coach, was not able to make a comment.

Off to a RUNNING *Start*

Photography by Andy Tevis

T.J. Onstott congratulates his teammates on their win following the Aug. 26 home game at Southern.

Wentric Williams, sophomore runningback, breaks past Bacone College defenders during the opening game.

Lions win first game of the season with new coach, attitude

By Russ Hagerman
Sports Editor

Lions meowed in the first quarter only to roar back and beat Bacone College in the football season home opener.

Missouri Southern started a new football season with new coaches and a new look in front of 4,200 attending the game.

This game was the rematch from the season opener in 2003. In that game, Bacone upset the Lions 27-24, in Muskogee. On Aug. 26, the Lions repaid the favor in a 40-21 pasting of the Warriors. Questions asked during the off-season were answered in part by Nathan Emert, freshman quarterback who played at Shiloh Christian High School, Springdale, Ark. Last season, Emert had 30 completions out of 43 attempts for 344 yards and no interceptions. Emert was sacked once. He became the first true freshman to start the season at quarterback since 1989 when the Lions joined the NCAA Division II.

In all, Southern netted 509 offensive yards. Along with Emert's passing yards, the Lions ran for 165 yards. Wentric Williams, sophomore runningback accounted for 67 yards. The lions showed they were ready to play the game. The fans noticed it also.

"They showed a lot of improvement, more formations and passes," said Devin White, sophomore, kinesiology major. "They will probably win four or five games hopefully."

The Lions look to the future with the younger players on the team with 47 true freshmen on the squad along with eight redshirt freshman. The younger players have four returning starters on offense with five on defense. The defense however, has been hurt by injuries. T.J. Onstott, senior outside linebacker and Joey Wagner, sophomore defensive end will miss the 2004 season. The Lions will be strong on defense with Atiba Bradley, junior linebacker and Dan Jefferson, senior linebacker will anchor the linebacking core.

"They look better than in the past, we have better coaches now," Shawna Nelson, junior, business management, said.

The Lions will host Harding, University, Saturday at 6:00 PM.

(Above) Coach John Ware heads off Hughes Stadium's field surrounded by a cheering team. (Right) DeMarcus Mathes scores yards helping the Lions take Bacone College 40-21.